

military service to aid his comrades, and the fellow service members' lives he saved at great personal risk are a testament to his bravery. His tenacity and willingness to sacrifice on behalf of others is extraordinary and demonstrates his character. It is my hope that SPC McCloughan continues to receive the acclaim that his military record merits while serving as an inspiration for current service members.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring SPC James C. McCloughan for his courage under fire as a combat medic during the Vietnam War. SPC McCloughan saved countless lives through his actions.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF THE NEW STERLING
LIBRARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Grand Opening of the new Sterling Library. This new branch, located in the heart of Sterling, Virginia is nearly three times the size of the former library and includes state-of-the-art facilities, increased access to computers, and the most up to date technology and resources, such as 3D printers, recording studios, and books offered in multiple languages. I take great pride knowing this state-of-the-art facility is opening in Virginia's Tenth District, and I am very thankful for the broad range of learning opportunities it will afford my constituents.

Since the mid-1970s the Sterling Library has been a vital part of the community's steady development, but the old building could no longer support the everyday needs of the community. According to the Director of Loudoun County Public Library, Chang Liu, community input played a crucial role in the plans for this library. Residents were very engaged during the planning and design processes, and the new elements, such as the high-tech workspaces and the unique teen area, coupled with the tremendous amount of space offered in the new library, better suit the current needs of the growing Sterling community.

This project is part of the broader Sterling Public Facilities Master Plan, which was approved in a referendum in 2014. In addition to the library, the plan calls for the expansion of the Sterling Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station and the renovation and expansion of the Sterling Community Center into the former library space. The opening of the new library marks the first step in what will be an exciting period of innovation in Sterling.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the Grand Opening of the new Sterling Library. I look forward to the impact it will have on the children, teenagers, and adults of Sterling and our Commonwealth as a whole.

ROGER THOMAS PROMOTED TO
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN
THIRD ECCLESIASTICAL JURIS-
DICTION CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary service and promotion of Bishop Roger Thomas to his current position. As a result of his keen awareness, understanding of humankind, his unquestionable devotion to serve God is boundless.

It is his effective stewardship that leads men and women to successful conclusions within the church and in their private lives. The sincerity of his voice moves individuals to be at their best regardless of the challenges they face.

He inspires youth and adults to further their education in higher institutions of learning. Individuals in search of counseling, guidance, advice, employment and legal matters are aided directly and/or indirectly by his influence.

Bishop Roger Thomas proves regularly that the service of God's children is more than an obligation but rather to care for the needs of all humankind is an honor.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE
AND MEMORY OF JAMES
"JIMMY" LANZA

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and service of James "Jimmy" Lanza. Jimmy passed on April 6 of this year, surrounded by his family, friends, and beloved brothers from the Fire Department of New York City, after a noble battle with brain cancer. An esteemed member of the Woodside community, Jimmy's life was characterized by a tireless dedication to others in keeping with the highest tradition of service to our country. Jimmy gave perennially of himself, serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, where he was a member of a crew of flying airborne early warning and control systems. After his tenure in the Navy, Jimmy went on to serve as a firefighter, devoting three decades to the FDNY with Engine 53, Ladder 43, in East Harlem as part of "El Barrio's Bravest."

During his time with the FDNY, Jimmy devoted countless hours to the search and recovery mission at the World Trade Center in the aftermath of September 11. After Hurricane Katrina, he traveled to New Orleans with his FDNY comrades to assist in their rescue, search, and recovery mission. As a volunteer with the Red Cross, he stood ever-ready to lend a hand to suffering communities in the aftermath of devastation. Jimmy also served on the executive board of the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation, an organization devoted to providing care and comfort to the families of firefighters during times of great need or bereavement. Jimmy was also deeply involved with charitable work on behalf of

wounded veterans and their families. He made numerous trips to Washington, D.C. to visit veterans in military hospitals, and assisted in many sponsored events for vets and their families. A lifetime member of the American Legion, Jimmy served as the Commander of Post 1836, at the Boulevard Gardens in Woodside, Queens. In that role, he helped to educate the community on the profound sacrifices made by those who choose to serve our country in the armed forces.

A lifelong Woodside resident, Jimmy devoted his time after retirement from the FDNY to improving his local community. He served as the President of the Boulevard Gardens Co-op Board for 15 years, the longest anyone had ever held the position. During his tenure, he worked to improve communication between the local precinct, the community board, and the Co-op board in order to assure that issues were dealt with in a timely manner. Jimmy was also instrumental in the fight to bring fair assessment to property values for co-ops across New York City. Over his tenure as President, the Boulevard Gardens community saw a marked increase in the quality of life and overall safety, as well as the financial standing of the co-op.

Jimmy Lanza lived his entire life in service of others. His was the highest ideal of a life devoted to one's community and country, and should serve as an example for us all to aspire to. He was a truly great man, and also a dear friend of mine. He was a devoted family man, and is survived by his beloved sister Marian, his nephews Keith and Michael, niece Stephanie, grand-nieces Emily and Eva, grand-nephews Brandon and Andrew, countless friends, and all of the lives he touched over the years. Mr. Speaker, Jimmy's commitment to both community and country was, and will continue to be, an inspiration to all of us. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of James J. Lanza. May he rest in peace.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE
RIGHT TO DEMAND THE PRESI-
DENT RELEASE HIS TAX RE-
TURNS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, every year at this time tens of millions of Americans are completing their tax returns and rushing to the nearest post office to mail them before the deadline.

No one likes to pay taxes but the vast majority of Americans voluntarily comply out of their respect for law and because paying taxes is one of the responsibilities of citizenship.

That responsibility is placed upon and assumed by struggling wage earners to the wealthiest individuals in America.

And that even includes the President of the United States.

Americans have the right to expect and to know that the leader of their country, and the most powerful person on Earth, is paying his fair share of taxes that fund the government he heads, the Armed Forces he commands, the nuclear arsenal he controls, the Secret Service protection he receives, and the White House he lives in.